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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

19 June 23, 2015


PATRICK OGAWA
ACTING EXECUTIVE OFFICER

**PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING FOR EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM
BY THE MOUNTAINS RECREATION AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY
FOR UNINCORPORATED COUNTY RESIDENTS
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve funding and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to transport residents of unincorporated County to parklands for participation in the mountains educational program.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that this activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve continuation for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to transport residents of unincorporated County to parklands for Fiscal Year's 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 at an estimated cost of \$150,000.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority to provide service to transport residents of unincorporated County to parklands for Fiscal Year's 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

This action will approve funding for continuation of transportation services for unincorporated County area residents who have limited access to parklands to participate in the mountains educational program and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute an agreement in a form approved by County Counsel with the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for Fiscal Year's 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1) and Community Support and Responsiveness (Goal 2). The program provides services to the public in a responsive manner and allows our residents who have no other means of transportation to visit and enjoy the parklands. The program is a partnership with MRCA that enables the County to provide these services in a cost-effective manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated cost to provide this service for Fiscal Year's 2015-16, 2016-17, and 2017-18 is \$150,000. The annual budget for each Supervisorial District will be \$10,000 for a total annual budget of \$50,000. The cost will be allocated to each Supervisorial District based on actual trips from each District.

Funding for this project is available in each Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16. Funding for Fiscal Year's 2016-17 and 2017-18 will be included in the annual budget process.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1988, the Board has approved the use of Proposition A Local Return Transit funds to support this program. This program provides community center groups, youth groups, senior citizen groups, persons with disabilities, camps, and schools from unincorporated County with transportation to the parklands.

The majority of the participants are low income, disadvantaged, or have limited access to transportation. The program continues to be an effective means for transporting groups of unincorporated County residents who would not otherwise have access to the parklands.

The MRCA will be responsible to contract for the required transit service and for following all funding source requirements as indicated in the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority's Proposition A Local Return Guidelines.

The program will cover a 3-year period beginning on July 1, 2015, through June 30, 2018, and will be approved as to form by County Counsel prior to execution by the Director of Public Works or her designee.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This proposed activity is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code. This exemption provides for the implementation of passenger or commuter transit services.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The program provides a valuable service for the residents who live in unincorporated County. The goal of the program is to reach as many people as possible, both children and adults, so that they can experience and learn about the natural parklands.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Department of Public Works, Programs Development Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

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c: Chief Executive Office (Rochelle Goff)
County Counsel
Executive Office